

Bunyan" yarns. But my observations of those men at other times would indicate that they were not given to this type of exaggeration. Apparently they were sincere in their belief that the incidents actually

took place. And if they were, the question remains to be answered: What was the basis of this belief?

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INTERNATIONAL PHYSIOLOGICAL CONGRESS FUND FELLOWSHIPS

At the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Chicago in 1930, the American Committee for the Thirteenth International Physiological Congress presented to the federation the surplus funds collected for the congress and in accordance with the suggestions of the committee, the International Physiological Congress Fund was established by the federation. The action was as follows:

"The income of the International Physiological Congress Fund shall be used triennially for the appropriation of funds in units of \$250 to defray the expenses to international physiological congresses abroad of promising young workers in the field who would not otherwise be able to attend the congress, who shall have creditable papers to read before the congress, whose ages shall be below 35 years, and who shall not yet have attained the rank of full professor. These fellowships are to be allotted by the executive committee of the federation.

"Furthermore, within the judgment of the same executive committee it may be permissible to grant to any candidate an additional sum of \$250 provided such candidate desires to spend three months of study in a foreign laboratory. Generally speaking, the executive committee should be guided in the selection of individuals with due regard to the relative numbers of the present membership in the four different societies which constitute the federation. By unanimous vote of the executive committee the rules may be changed at any time governing the amounts of money to be granted to any individual.

"It is furthermore suggested that if and when another international physiological congress shall be held in the United States the principal of this fund shall be turned over to the authorities duly appointed by the officers of the federation to receive it and shall be used for the promotion and support of that international congress."

There will be available for the Fourteenth International Congress to be held in Rome from August 29 to September 3, 1932, four International Physiological Congress Fund Fellowships of \$250 each. One fellowship will be awarded in each of the branches of biological science represented by the four constituent societies of the federation: namely, The American Physiological Society, The American So-

ciety of Biological Chemists, The American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and The American Society for Experimental Pathology.

The conditions for the award of these fellowships, in accordance with the vote of the executive committee of the federation at their Montreal meeting in April, 1931, were fixed as follows:

(1) Each candidate must be recommended as worthy by some member of the society representing the field of study or by some other individual familiar with the character of the candidate's work.

(2) Candidates must be under thirty-five years of age and must not have yet attained the rank of full professor or its equivalent.

(3) Each candidate must present with the application a draft of a meritorious paper to be presented to the congress.

(4) Applications must be made before *January 1, 1932*, to the *secretary* of the society which includes the field of study.

(5) These applications are to be considered by the councils of the respective societies, who shall submit to the executive committee of the federation an approved list of nominees.

(6) Final selection of fellows shall be made by the executive committee of the federation.

It was the consensus of opinion that fellowships should be awarded only to those persons having meritorious work to present to the congress and who would be unable to attend the congress without some financial assistance in the form of a fellowship or other subsidy. It should be noted that membership in the federation is not necessarily a condition for the award of a fellowship.

Applications should be made to the secretary of the society in whose field the work to be presented at the congress lies: for Physiology, Dr. Arno B. Luckhardt, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; for Biological Chemistry, Dr. Howard B. Lewis, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan; for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Dr. V. E. Henderson, Medical Building, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; for Experimental Pathology, Dr. C. Phillip Miller, Jr., Department of Medicine, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

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